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Interagency Release - Kaweah-Kern Complex Update

More trails re-open in Giant Forest: The following trails have reopened in the Giant Forest area of Sequoia National Park as fire activity has significantly diminished in the area: Hazelwood Nature Loop, Soldier's Trail between the Alta Trail and Crescent Meadow Road, Trail between Bear Hill and Alta Trail, and the Wolverton Cutoff Trail.

Visitors are reminded to stay on the marked trails throughout this vicinity, as hot spots and other dangers from the fire remain. Additional trails will reopen when park officials determine that it is safe for visitors and staff to enter.

Most fires remain quiet: Steady temperature and relative humidity levels, coupled with light winds have minimized activity in most of the fires within the local national parks and national forests. The weather pattern is expected to remain the same for several more days. The following is a summary of the noteworthy fire activity:

- **Paradise 2 Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – Firefighters will work on this wildland fire again today, including where the fire has moved to the north side of Paradise Ridge. They were supported yesterday by firefighters who rappelled from helicopters. In addition, a Type I helicopter returned yesterday to assist with the suppression effort. A second hotshot crew will arrive at the fire today. The fire continues to burn actively at night and produce noticeable smoke, affecting 262 acres.
- **West Kern Fire (Sequoia National Park, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests)** – The main activity of this wildland fire use project continues on the Inyo National Forest portion of the fire, generally moving south toward Rough Creek. Monitors continue to assess fire weather and behavior in this area. Total estimated size is 6796 acres of which 3408 acres are within Sequoia National Park, 2454 acres are on the Sequoia National Forest and 934 acres on the Inyo National Forest.
- **Giant Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – This fire is still creeping and smoldering in surface vegetation near Crescent Meadow. Several fire use monitors continue to watch over this wildland fire use project. The estimated size of the Giant fire remains at 275 acres. Several popular trails remain closed for the safety of the public. Hazard trees continue to fall in the fire perimeter, and there are numerous hot spots.
- The remaining wildland fire use projects within the park showed little activity.
- **Albanita-Hooker Fire (Sequoia National Forest)** – Located near Hooker Meadow, these two wildland fire use projects grew together earlier this week. This fire is approximately 1408 acres. Sequoia National Forest staff continues to monitor this fire.

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